

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RULES, REGULATIONS,
POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND OTHER MATERIALS
RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM(S):

In accordance with Title 42, Chapter 35, of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human Services (DHS) proposes to adopt rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and other materials relating to the following programs(s):

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Effective November 2006 in conformance with the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is promulgating rules to define acceptable documentation of citizenship and identity of all persons declaring United States citizenship who are applying for or receiving Medical Assistance (including RIte Care). Medical Assistance may be denied for noncompliance with this regulation. Additionally, under the provisions of the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, children born to mothers whose alien status is determined to be undocumented or who is a qualified alien but has been here less than five (5) years, are not automatically eligible to receive Medical Assistance. The parent(s) of these children must file a new application in order to determine their eligibility for Medical Assistance.

A Fiscal Note is available upon request. In the development of the rules and regulations, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information. (Complies with 42-35-3(3).) The health, safety, and welfare of the public preclude any economic impact that may be incurred as a result of these regulations.

Interested persons may inspect said proposed rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and other related materials on the Department of Human Services website at www.dhs.ri.gov, or in the Office of Policy Development, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, Bldg. 57, Howard Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Interested persons may submit data, views, or written arguments to the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, Bldg. 57, 600 New London Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on these rules if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, or an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.